

## REMARKS

In the Office Action, claims 1-16 were allowed and prosecution on the merits was closed pursuant to Ex Parte Quayle. It was noted, however, that non-elected/withdrawn claims 17-46 remained "active" in the application. By the foregoing amendment, non-elected/withdrawn claims 17-46 have been cancelled subject to Applicant's right to prosecute such claims by way of a divisional application.

### Conclusion

This application is now in condition for allowance. No fee is seen to be due in connection with the filing of this response. However, in the event that a fee is properly deemed to be due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fee to Deposit Account No. 50-0878.

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